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Calendar

Tavola Italiana

Come to the Cactus Cafe from 3-4 p.m. to meet with Italian students and members of the Italian community to discuss culture and practice conversational Italian in an informal setting.

Black History Month Concert

The Butler School of Music and Huston-Tillotson University is recognizing black composers of the past and present to commemorate Black History Month. The concert is from 7:30-10p.m. in The Butler School of Music. Admittance is free.

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7-9 a.m.
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A metaphysically concocted witches' brew of the American folk tradition and all its strange and wonderful outcroppings.

Pfizer recalls faulty birth control

By Rachel Thompson
Daily Texan Staff

Oral contraception users on campus are worried after at least one million defective birth control pill packets have been pulled from the shelves in a national recall by Pfizer Inc.

The company recalled 14 lots of

Lo/Ovral-28 tablets and 14 lots of generic Norgestrel and Ethinyl Estradiol tablets on Tuesday, according to Pfizer's press release.

Pfizer spokeswoman Grace Ann Arnold said the products were distributed between January 2011 and December 2011, with expiration dates ranging from July 31, 2013 to March 31, 2014. According to

Pfizer Inc.'s press release, the pills do not constitute immediate health risks, but do present the risk of unintended pregnancy. Company representatives also said the packaging mistake was due to failures from the inspection department.

"We understand that this news can be very concerning and confusing for any woman who takes

birth control pills to protect against unintended pregnancies," Arnold said. "Our message is that if you are a woman in the United States who has used these pills over the last several months to please consult with your physician and begin using a non-hormonal barrier method immediately."

Chief of pharmacy service-

es Terry Weaver said UT Health Services did not carry or distribute the recalled birth control pills, but students who filled prescriptions at other pharmacies should check if their prescription is part of the recall.

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Ellen Chmielowski | Daily Texan Staff

Joe Zamercki spins an advertising sign for Liberty Mutual Insurance near the intersection of 183 and Ranch Road 620 N on Thursday.

Apple faces lawsuit, reimburses

By David Maly
Daily Texan Staff

MacBook users with faulty power adapters will be refunded at full cost by Apple Inc. after the company settled a lawsuit out of court.

Apple's reimbursement is a result of the settlement reached with plaintiffs after the alleged faulty manufacturing of the MagSafe power adapters, according to a third-party website created under the terms of the settlement. The final hearing of the settlement will

take place Feb. 27. The 2009 class-action lawsuit filed against Apple Inc. applies to MacBook and MacBook Pro laptop power adapters sold between 2006 and 2009.

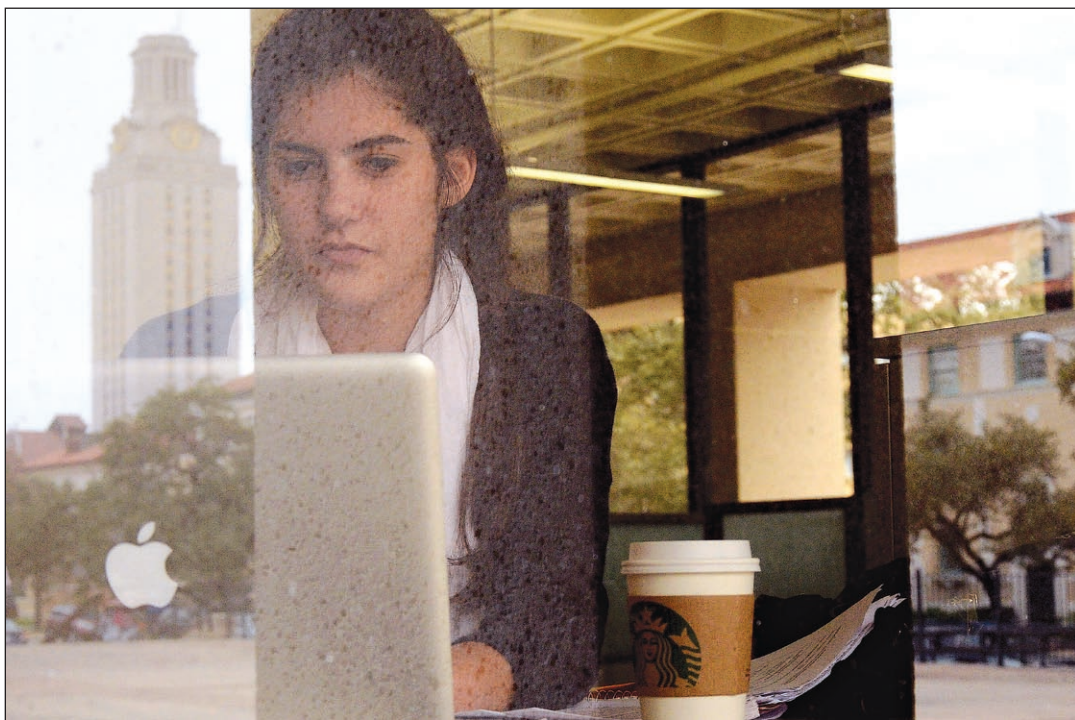
These defects allegedly caused the adapters to strain, fray, spark, overheat, melt or otherwise prematurely fail, according to a press release by the law firm representing the plaintiffs. Currently Apple Inc. is only replacing adapters showing signs of "strain relief damage," and they have since discontinued the defective model. Users who

have replaced their defective power adapter will be reimbursed for the cost of the new unit.

Muhammad Imran, owner of Sam Computers on Guadalupe and 25th streets, said he has had experience with the faulty cords at his shop.

"[The plugs] always go bad and they just buy a new adapter from us. I see different students come in for new adapters a few times a week, and this isn't the

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Rebeca Rodriguez | Daily Texan Staff

Advertising sophomore Kylee Pendery works on her MacBook at the Communications building on Thursday.

MULTIMEDIA



Rebeca Rodriguez | Daily Texan Staff

Yasiska Khouri, a Psychology graduate student, practices Samba for Carnival Brasileiro taking place this upcoming Saturday. This event is Austin's biggest Brazilian festival, celebrating samba dancing, wild costumes and traditional music. Scan this QR code to watch a video on some of carnivals most traditional costumes.



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Activist groups draw students

By Jody Serrano
Daily Texan Staff

Gathered under the UT Tower for their weekly general assembly meeting, Occupy UT members discussed their demonstration plans for the following week. At first glance, the organization appears new — but it has been years in the making.

Dating back to tuition deregulation in 2003, student activist groups have held a presence at the University, with new names emerging ev-

ery couple of semesters. In recent years, groups like Stop the Cuts, The Students Speak and now Occupy UT have fought an ongoing battle against University-wide budget cuts and the cost of attendance. Some members speculate that even if Occupy UT loses momentum, there will be another organization to take its place in the future.

Teri Adams, women's and gender studies senior, said she became involved in student activism

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Rain ends drought in Dallas, rest of state still remains dry

By Ramit Plushnick-Masti
The Associated Press

HOUSTON — The rain that started trickling into Texas in the fall may finally be making a dent in Dallas, but the rest of the state is still a long way off from being out of a historic drought, and climate experts are warning against any premature partying.

“It’s still a very tenuous situation,” said National Weather Service meteorologist Victor Murphy. “Water concerns are a high priority. If we have a dry spring and a hot summer it will be a very perilous situation.”

The good news comes from the U.S. Drought Monitor map, a weekly analysis of dryness in the country. It indicated Thursday that the Dallas-Fort Worth region and a swath of North Tex-

as stretching to the state’s border with Oklahoma and Arkansas are officially out of drought for the first time since July.

But this makes up less than five percent of Texas and the downside is that the same data shows that parts of the state that are still in severe or exceptional drought have actually increased in the past week by two percent, to 27.36 percent. In addition, almost 60 percent of the state is in some form of severe drought.

“Texas is so big you can’t talk about the whole state in generalized terms,” said Brian Fuchs, a climatologist with the National Drought Mitigation Center who helps draft the map.

The drought in Texas, parts of Oklahoma, Arkansas, New Mexico and Louisiana began about a year ago. For Texas, the situation



LM Otero | Associated Press

In this Jan. 25 file photo, submerged vehicles sit in high water following strong storms in Dallas.

has been especially dire because of its size. The drought’s severity has impacted everything from cattle numbers to bird migration and the health of the Gulf of Mexico. Texas State Clima-

tologist John Nielsen-Gammon said it’s encouraging that the North Texas soil is now saturated and he thinks the region’s hay crop could be decent this season. “I think things are going as well

as we could hope for,” Nielsen-Gammon said. “The key going forward is to manage our supplies under the assumption that we’re going to have a second year of drought.”

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“Anyone who has gotten their prescriptions filled at our pharmacy on campus in the SSB has no need to worry about the issue,” Weaver said. “If they are not sure whether or not they are affected by this recall, they can contact the pharmacy that filled their prescription to verify.”

Weaver also said students who have been taking one of the defective pills should use a non-hormonal contraceptive immediately or consider using an emergency contraceptive. These products are available at most pharmacies, including the University Health Services pharmacy, he said.

Radio-television-film sophomore Brooke Brown said she asked how long the drug had been on the market for safety reasons when she first started taking the pill. She said she was not taking the affected pill but has always been aware of the risks that accompany birth control.

“I think every pill has its potential problems, but I hope it doesn’t deter people from getting birth control,” Brown said.

Journalism senior Chontelle Waters, who said she does not take the pill, said although the recalled pills pose no health risks besides unintended pregnancy, she still blames the company for selling a defective product.

“I’m already a little paranoid about the pill, and if I were taking it I would be mad at the company for letting it happen,” Waters said. “I think maybe people will be a little more wary about taking it.”

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first Apple defect that I’ve observed,” Imran said. “Apple is huge though and this isn’t going to stop the Mac craze.”

Christy Krames, UT alumna and Mac owner, said she is surprised that Apple did not correct this issue until it was brought to them in court.

“It seems like a company like Apple would automatically make it right, but it is a major corporation,” Krames said. “I’m not surprised they would go for their bottom line. That’s where their loyalty is.”

The nationwide group of plaintiffs include Apple MacBook and MacBook Pro users who own the 60 watt or 85 watt MagSafe MPM-1 (“T”) model power adapter. Plaintiffs have until March 21, 2012 to file with the class-action

lawsuit to be reimbursed for the replacement units.

Craig Briskin and other attorneys at Briskin, Mehiri & Skalet who are working for the plaintiffs, said the result is in the best interest of the consumer.

“The cords are still out there and in use,” Briskin said. “So we think it’s a very good result for a class-action settlement and I am especially pleased that we were able to accomplish this in such a relatively short amount

of time.”

Representatives at Apple, Inc. did not return requests for comment.

Briskin said Apple’s evasive response to the lawsuit was only to delay reparations for a problem they already knew existed.

“Their position was that this happened in only a small number of cases,” Briskin said. “However they did have on their web page that this was an issue. So far, more than 20,000 of the cords have been returned in the U.S. alone.”

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On anniversary of massacre, Syria fights

By Bassem Moroue & Zenia Karam
The Associated Press

BEIRUT — Thirty years ago Thursday, Syria's regime launched a withering assault on the rebellious city of Hama, leveling entire neighborhoods and killing thousands in one of the most notorious massacres in the modern Middle East.

Today Syria is in the throes of a new rebellion and Hama stands as both a rallying cry for those trying for nearly 11 months to topple the regime and a dreadful warning of what the ruling Assad family is capable of doing to survive.

The entire city of 850,000 in the plains of central Syria shut down Thursday as residents observed a strike marking the anniversary.

Hundreds of troops and security forces flooded the streets, closing off public squares and setting up checkpoints to thwart planned protests in the city, which has been one of the centers of the past year's uprising against the rule of President Bashar Assad.

Abu Anas, an engineer from the city, says the Hama massacre, carried out by Bashar's father and predecessor Hafez Assad, has been seared into the psyche of every Syrian. The name Hama has become equivalent to the word massacre.

"The stories have been passed on from the old generation to the new. Almost everyone in Hama today has an uncle, a grandfather or a brother who died or went missing. There is



Bassem Tellawi | Associated Press

Syrian men mourn over the coffin of one of 11 Syrian police officers killed in an explosion on Friday.

bitterness to this day," said Abu Anas, who asked to be identified by his nickname for fear of retaliation.

Amnesty International has estimated that between 10,000 and 25,000 people were killed in the 1982 siege, though conflicting figures exist and the Syrian government has never made an official estimate.

Abu Anas was a 25-year-old engi-

neering student when, on the night of Feb. 2-3, 1982, the Syrian military began its assault to crush an uprising against Hafez Assad by the Muslim Brotherhood.

In a scorched-earth campaign commanded by Assad's brother Rifaat, troops surrounded the city, sealing it off, then swarmed in. For three weeks, they blasted it with tanks and artillery,

battled with Brotherhood fighters and systematically leveled parts of the city.

After three weeks, entire neighborhoods had simply disappeared, the rubble hastily covered over afterward with concrete.

Throughout, nobody knew what was unfolding inside the sealed city. By the time the first journalists arrived, the bodies had largely been buried.

Ill. ruling relieves prisoners with extracted confessions

By Karen Hawkins
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — An Illinois Supreme Court ruling that gave one inmate new hope for freedom Thursday also could revive appeals by more than a dozen others who claim they confessed to crimes under torture by Chicago police officers, defense attorneys said.

Justices ruled Stanley Wrice can continue seeking a new hearing on evidence that officers beat him with a flashlight and rubber hose until he confessed to a brutal rape. Prosecutors contend they had proof to convict him of the 1982 crime, even without the confession.

Wrice, 57, is serving a 100-year sentence for a crime he insists he didn't commit. He's among dozens of men — almost all of them black — who have claimed since the 1970s that former Chicago police Lt. Jon Burge and his officers used torture to secure confessions in crimes ranging from armed robbery to murder. Allegations persisted until the 1990s at police stations on the city's South and West sides.

While several of the incarcerated men with torture claims have been released, Wrice's case could have far-reaching impact on how Illinois deals with such cases in the future. Defense attorneys say the decision in the Wrice case adds new momentum to their ef-

forts to have their client's convictions thrown out.

The court didn't order new evidentiary hearings for the men as attorneys had sought in an amicus brief. But defense attorney Locke Bowman, who represents other men with torture claims, said the "opinion points the way forward for the other Burge victims."

Allegations of abuse and torture have plagued the police department in the nation's third-largest city for decades and were a factor in former Gov. George Ryan's decision to institute a moratorium on the death penalty in 2000. Gov. Pat Quinn abolished the death penalty in Illinois last year.

An appeals court had sided with Wrice, ruling that he should be granted a new hearing on his claim that Burge's officers used a flashlight and rubber hose to beat him in the face and groin.

The high court ruled that the appeals court skipped a procedural step in granting the evidentiary hearing but that the trial court was also wrong not to allow his post-conviction case to proceed. The ruling paves the way for a new hearing and perhaps a new trial.

Andrew Levine, special assistant prosecutor, said his office is still reviewing its legal options — including asking the U.S. Supreme Court to hear the case.

"That's definitely one of the options," he said.



Thanassis Stavarakis | Associated Press

Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak is seen during a meeting in Athens on Wednesday, where Israel has been bolstering alliances.

Israel talking tough about Iran

By Karin Laub
The Associated Press

HERZLIYA, Israel — Capping a day of strident warnings by Israeli officials about the dangers posed by Iran, Defense Minister Ehud Barak said Thursday that the world is increasingly ready to consider a military strike against Iran if economic sanctions don't halt Tehran's suspect nuclear program.

Earlier in the day, officials gathered at a strategy conference in this posh seaside suburb asserted that Iran has already produced enough enriched uranium to eventually build four rudimentary nuclear bombs and was even developing missiles capable of reaching the U.S.

In perhaps the most startling in-

stance of saber-rattling, Vice Premier Moshe Yaalon, who heads the strategic affairs ministry and is a former commander of the military, said all of Iran's nuclear installations are vulnerable.

Yaalon appeared to contradict assessments of foreign experts and Israeli defense officials that it would be difficult to strike Iranian nuclear targets hidden well below ground.

"There is no argument about the intolerable danger a nuclear Iran (would pose) to the future of the Middle East, the security of Israel and to the economic and security stability of the entire world," Barak said.

"Today as opposed to in the past, there is a wide global understanding that Iran must be prevented from becoming nuclear and no option should be taken off the table."

NEWS BRIEFLY

Streaming sites for Super Bowl seized by elite anti-piracy feds

NEW YORK — With the Super Bowl days away, federal authorities announced a crackdown Thursday on websites that stream unauthorized broadcasts of sports events just hours after New England quarterback Tom Brady told reporters gathered in Indianapolis that he watched last year's game on an illegal site.

Investigators seized 16 sites and brought criminal charges against a Michigan man who controlled nine of them.

U.S. Attorney Preet Bharrara warned sports fans in a release that piracy costs sports leagues and broadcasters millions of dollars, forcing increases in ticket prices and other costs to consumers.

His message came soon after Brady casually mentioned his own use of illegal websites during a news conference staged in preparation for the Super Bowl on Sunday between the New England Patriots and the New York Giants.

Web operator Yonjo Quiroa, of Comstock Park, Mich., was charged Wednesday with copyright infringement. Prosecutors said he distributed football, basketball and hockey games and wrestling matches.

Quiroa appeared in federal court in Grand Rapids, Mich., on Wednesday. He was held without bail while his immigration status was under review. Larry Phelan, his lawyer, declined to comment.

Authorities said the prosecution was part of a continuing federal effort to target counterfeiting and piracy on the Internet.

Houston tycoon on trial had cohorts sign secrecy in blood

HOUSTON — Jailed Texas financier R. Allen Stanford's extreme measures to hide his Caribbean bank's fraud included entering into a blood oath with a top regulator, the man who was in charge of the tycoon's books told jurors Thursday.

James M. Davis, the former chief financial officer for Stanford's companies, testified the financier came to an agreement with the official responsible for reviewing his bank on the island nation of Antigua where that person, Leroy King, would not dig too deeply into the institution's operations. Prosecutors allege Stanford masterminded a fraud in which he bilked investors out of more than \$7 billion in a massive Ponzi scheme centered on the sales of certificates of deposit, or CDs, from the bank.

"Mr. Stanford said they (he and King) actually cut themselves and had a blood oath," a frail-looking Davis, 63, said.

Davis said Stanford made regular cash payments of "hush money" to King and another regulator "for them to look the other way." He also testified the financier loaned the Antiguan government about \$40 million, which was never repaid.

Authorities allege Stanford used depositors' money to fund his businesses and his lavish billionaire lifestyle and pay bribes to regulators and auditors. They also allege he lied to depositors by telling them their funds were being safely invested.

Stanford is on trial for 14 counts, including mail and wire fraud, and faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted.

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OVERVIEW

Protesting pro-testers

While speaking before 4,000 school officials at the Texas Association of School Administrators’ midwinter conference, Texas Education Commissioner Robert Scott said that standardized testing in Texas public schools has become a “perversion of its original intent,” according to The Texas Tribune. Scott received a standing ovation when he described personal frustration with the bureaucratic complicity evident in schools today as a result of the current testing mechanism. School testing is lauded by legislators from both parties, and Scott’s honesty is a refreshing counterpoint to voices that repeatedly try to address ineffective testing with more testing.

Scott’s remarks elicited a distancing, surprised response from state Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano. “That’s a direction I’ve never heard him take,” Shapiro told The Texas Tribune. “He’s been the one that’s been talking about school accountability over the years. We’ve all been a part of this. School accountability is something we started many, many years ago, and we believe in it.” Shapiro, the chairwoman of the Senate Education Committee, was at the forefront of the legislation that developed the new STAAR test and will soon leave the Legislature to work for a company that advises public universities on converting existing courses into online ones. Shapiro made a career out of tethering successful education to testing, and her reaction highlights why Scott’s position is so different than the status quo among lawmakers.

STAAR will make Texas students’ testing performance a substantial component of their final grade. Over the past few decades, each successive incarnation of Legislature-set public testing has pushed these standardized tests higher on the list of priorities in Texas public schools. As the middle ground shifts correspondingly, Scott’s “Hey, wait a minute” is a needed check on a testing fervor that may or may not be productive.

Shea’s Rebellion

Austin Mayor Lee Leffingwell has a new challenger in former City Council member Brigid Shea. Shea is a co-founder of Save Our Springs, an environmental group that advocates the protection of the Edwards Aquifer and Barton Springs. As a one-term council member, she was often critical of urban development projects and sometimes “savaged opponents,” according to the Austin American-Statesman.

Shea criticized Leffingwell’s treatment of the recent education finance debate as too lenient and hopes to make the issue a rallying point in her new pursuit of elected office. Leffingwell has been a proactive advocate of education despite the mostly symbolic role of the mayor in the matter.

Additionally, Shea described Leffingwell as “tone deaf” to the needs of the city’s citizens because of his support of the Formula One track proposal and a convention hotel downtown, projects that aim to create a diverse local economy.

This rigidly pro-environment stance is one also championed by newly elected council member Kathie Tovo. Tovo, who defeated incumbent Randi Shade, received her strongest support from typically development-averse neighborhood associations.

When Shea was a council member in the 1990s, she fervently opposed development, and it seems that her position on the topic has altered very little, if at all. This unyielding attitude would be dangerous in a mayor of a city that is growing very rapidly. As one of the five fastest growing cities in America, Austin needs a mayor that is open to positive urban change, or it risks stagnation.



Give the Drag respect

By Drew Finke
Daily Texan Guest Columnist

In 2004, the city of Austin approved the University Neighborhood Overlay, a comprehensive zoning law that has driven West Campus’ transformation from quirky university neighborhood to booming urban enclave. West Campus’ zoning change was part of a larger urbanization effort meant to promote denser, more walkable and ultimately more sustainable land use in the city. Within a few years, taller buildings populated downtown’s skyline, and words such as “density” and “walkability” entered the local Austin lexicon.

After a lull in construction in 2008 caused by the global financial collapse, cranes and taco trucks are once again common sights in West Campus. Despite the seemingly ubiquitous change occurring across the city, an important piece of civic infrastructure used by thousands of UT students every day continues to decay. The Drag, the commercial and social spine along campus’ western edge, is as dirty and dilapidated today as it was when I arrived on campus for the first time five years ago.

While new shops and restaurants have revitalized commercial life along Guadalupe Street, the street’s infrastructure — the sidewalks, streetlights and bike racks — that ought to help generate a vibrant urban experience instead make the street feel unkempt and dangerous. For whatever reason, the improvements taking place across West Campus can’t seem to make their way east of San Antonio Street.

Grande are being upgraded, Guadalupe continues to be ignored. Capital Metro claims that improvements will start once the street is prepared for the agency’s new MetroRapid bus lines, but the delivery date for this service constantly seems to move further into the future. The University hasn’t been particularly vocal about improvements along Guadalupe, and Student Government’s city relations agency hasn’t made improving the Drag an issue.

As the front door to campus for thousands of students who call West Campus home, walking Guadalupe can and should be a better experience. A special taxing district, funds from new parking meters or a city bond sale could all help fund improvements. Purposeful design can provide amenities that could make the street a civic space that the University and city can be proud of without compromising the “Keep Austin weird” mindset. As an Austin landmark, we ought to respect the Drag as much as the UT Tower, Barton Springs or any of the other urban icons that give the city its distinct character.

Finke is an architecture and urban studies senior.

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Every day students, faculty, other Austinites and out-of-town visitors rely on Guadalupe to get to or from work or school, find a place for lunch or run errands on their way home. Several of Capital Metro’s busiest bus lines pass through this section of Guadalupe, depositing and receiving thousands of commuters every morning and evening. Despite its heavy use, the Drag hasn’t received substantial attention.

While the pedestrian environments of streets such as Second, Brazos and Rio



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Professor recognized for work

By Paxton Thomes
Daily Texan Staff

Astronomy professor Karl Gebhardt is a Herman and Joan Suit Professor of Astrophysics in the department of astronomy. On Jan. 12, Gebhardt received the Edith and Peter O'Donnell Award in Science from The Academy of Medicine, Engineering and Science of Texas, or TAMEST. The award recognizes his work and discoveries on the formation of black holes and galaxies. Each recipient receives a \$25,000 honorarium and an invitation to the Annual TAMEST Conference. “We chose Gebhardt because he is considered the world expert in his field,” said TAMEST spokesman Kent Nutt. “He has massed the most black holes out of anyone in the world.”

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— Kent Nutt, TAMEST spokesman

TAMEST brings together some of the top scientific, academic and corporate minds in order to make Texas a national leader in research, Nutt said. Gebhardt currently is researching dark ener-

gy, which is a theorized force that goes against the universe's gravitational pull and pulls it apart, Nutt said. “Dr. Gebhardt and his colleagues have outlined a unique approach to the study of dark energy using the Hobby-Eberly Telescope at McDonald Observatory,” Nutt said. “They expect their result will be the most accurate measure of dark energy for many years into the future.” Lara Eakins, laboratory and technical services supervisor, said the department is very proud of all the recognition professor Gebhardt receives and brings to the University. “It's wonderful anytime someone in our department receives recognition,” Eakins said. “It not only reflects well on them but it does on our department as well.”



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Baptist couple brutally killed in Mexico home

By Christopher Sherman & Katherine Corcoran
The Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A couple from Texas who moved to a remote and violence-plagued area of northern Mexico to run a Baptist church were found slain at their ransacked home, their children said. John and Wanda Casias were originally from Amarillo, Texas, but relatives said they moved to an area outside the city of Monterrey in the late 1970s or early 1980s and made it their home. Valerie Alirez, the eldest child of John Casias, told The Associated Press from her home in Greeley, Colorado, that one of her brothers found her father and stepmother on Tuesday dead in their home in Santiago, Nuevo Leon. John Casias was a Baptist preacher, and the couple ran the First Fundamentalist Independent Baptist Church in Santiago, Alirez said. Her brother, Shawn Casias, who lives in Monterrey, said he went to his parents’ home around 4 p.m. Tuesday to pick up a trailer. When he went into the home to say goodbye, he said he found Wanda Casias lying on the floor with an electrical cord around her neck and a gash from a blunt object on her head. Missing from the house were a couple of computers, a plasma television and a safe that had been chiseled out of the wall. The couple’s Chevrolet Suburban was also missing and Casias said he initially thought his father had been kidnapped. But about four or five hours lat-

er a forensic investigator informed him that his father’s body had been found in a storage room of a small building on the property. His father also had an electrical cord around his neck, he said. Fighting between the Zetas and Gulf drug cartels has brought a surge of violence and other crimes to Monterrey and the surrounding region since 2010. In poorer suburbs, entire blocks have been held up by gunmen and young people have been snatched off the streets. Casias said a sister-in-law in Dallas had spoken to their mother around 11 a.m. Tuesday and everything was fine. So he believes there was about a five-hour window when the killings could have occurred before he showed up. He said the killers did not take everything they could have, leaving two of the three TV sets. He said perhaps they were warned that he was coming, because anyone watching the winding road approaching the home could have alerted them. “They’re scum. They’re not sophisticated,” he said. Speaking from his parents’ home, Casias said the house was burglarized two years ago when the couple were on one of their periodic visits to the United States to talk at churches about their work in Mexico. “We’re convinced that it’s somebody he knew,” Casias said of the killers. He said authorities had some leads based on people seen around the home. John Casia was 76. He had recently priced a knee replacement because he couldn’t walk more than 100 yards without having

to sit down, Shawn Casias said. Wanda Casias was 67. Casias said his parents held services and prayer meetings at a church about three miles (five kilometers) from their home. The couple maintained a website, www.casias.org, with details of their lives and their missionary work. “The only hope for the Mexican people today is Jesus in them, the HOPE of glory,” they wrote in one dispatch from last summer. “I confess that it’s getting easier to witness to the wealthy, at least they are listening. The wealthy are fleeing to Canada and the USA for protection. The only problem is that when they return to renew their visas the cartel is waiting, and either kill them or kidnap them for thousands of dollars, in some cases millions. The cartel has NO mercy or value for life. They are ruthless murderers!” It was the second slaying involving American missionaries in a year in the Mexican region bordering Texas. In January 2011, a Texas couple who had been doing missionary work in Mexico for three decades were attacked at an illegal roadblock in one of the country’s most violent areas. Nancy Davis, 59, was fatally shot in the head while her husband, Sam, sped away from suspected drug cartel gunmen who may have wanted to steal their pickup truck, authorities said. The Davises were driving along the two-lane road that connects the city of San Fernando with the border city of Reynosa in the state of Tamaulipas, which borders Nuevo Leon.



Hans Maximo Musielik| Associated Press
Mourners pay homage to U.S. missionary Wanda Casias during an open casket funeral service held for her and her husband John at the couple's church in the town of El Cercado near Monterrey, Mexico, on Thursday.



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Date: February 3, 2012
To: All Students at The University of Texas at Austin
From: Dr. Soncia Reagins-Lilly, *Senior Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students*
Subject: TEXAS HAZING STATUTE SUMMARY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN’S HAZING REGULATIONS

The 70th Texas Legislature enacted a law concerning hazing. Under the law, individuals or organizations engaging in hazing could be subject to fines and charged with a criminal offense.

According to the law, a person can commit a hazing offense not only by engaging in a hazing activity, but also by soliciting, directing, encouraging, aiding or attempting to aid another in hazing; by intentionally, knowingly or recklessly allowing hazing to occur; or by failing to report, in writing to the Dean of Students or another appropriate official of the institution, first-hand knowledge that a hazing incident is planned or has occurred. The fact that a person consented to or acquiesced in a hazing activity is not a defense to prosecution for hazing under this law.

In an effort to encourage reporting of hazing incidents, the law grants immunity from civil or criminal liability to any person who reports a specific hazing event in good faith and without malice to the Dean of Students or other appropriate official of the institution and immunizes that person for participation in any judicial proceeding resulting from liability that might otherwise be incurred or imposed as a result of the report. Additionally, a doctor or other medical practitioner who treats a student who may have been subjected to hazing may make a good faith report of the suspected hazing activities to police or other law enforcement officials and is immune from civil or other liability that might otherwise be imposed or incurred as a result of the report. The penalty for failure to report is a fine of up to \$1,000, up to 180 days in jail, or both. Penalties for other hazing offenses vary according to the severity of the injury which results and include fines from \$500 to \$10,000 and/or confinement for up to two years.

HAZING DEFINED

The law defines hazing as **any intentional, knowing or reckless act, occurring on or off the campus of an educational institution, by one person alone or acting with others, directed against a student, that endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of pledging, being initiated into, affiliating with, holding office in or maintaining membership in any organization whose members are or include students at an educational institution.** Hazing includes but is not limited to:

- A. any type of physical brutality, such as whipping, beating, striking, branding, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on the body or similar activity;
- B. any type of physical activity, such as sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, calisthenics, or other activity that subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or that adversely affects the mental or physical health or safety of the student;
- C. any activity involving consumption of food, liquid, alcoholic beverage, liquor, drug or other substance which subjects the student to an unreasonable risk of harm or which adversely affects the mental or physical health of the student;
- D. any activity that intimidates or threatens the student with ostracism, that subjects the student to extreme mental stress, shame or humiliation, or that adversely affects the mental health or dignity of the student or discourages the student from entering or remaining registered in an educational institution, or that may reasonably be expected to cause a student to leave the organization or the institution rather than submit to acts described in this subsection;
- E. any activity that induces, causes or requires the student to perform a duty or task which involves a violation of the Penal Code.

UNIVERSITY DISCIPLINARY RULES

This law does not affect or in any way limit the right of the university to enforce its own rules against hazing under Chapter 16 of the *Institutional Rules on Student Services and Activities*. In addition, *Rules and Regulations of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System*, Series 50101, Number 2, Section 2.8, provide that:

- (a) Hazing with or without the consent of a student is prohibited by the System, and a violation of that prohibition renders both the person inflicting the hazing and the person submitting to the hazing subject to discipline.
- (b) Initiations or activities by organizations may include no feature that is dangerous, harmful or degrading to the student. A violation of this prohibition renders both the organization and participating individuals subject to discipline.

DANGEROUS OR DEGRADING ACTIVITIES

Activities which under certain conditions constitute acts which are dangerous, harmful or degrading, in violation of Chapter 16 and subsections 6-303(b)(3) and 11-404(a)(8) of the *Institutional Rules on Student Services and Activities* include but are not limited to:

- *Calisthenics, such as sit-ups, push-ups or any other form of physical exercise;*
- *Total or partial nudity at any time;*
- *The eating or ingestion of any unwanted substance;*
- *The wearing or carrying of any embarrassing, degrading or physically burdensome article;*
- *Paddle swats, including the trading of swats;*
- *Pushing, shoving, tackling or any other physical contact;*
- *Throwing any substance on a person;*
- *Consumption of alcoholic beverages accompanied by either threats or peer pressure;*
- *Lineups for the purpose of interrogating, demeaning or intimidating;*
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- *Confining individuals in an area that is uncomfortable or dangerous (hot box effect, high temperature, too small);*
- *Any form of individual interrogation;*
- *Any type of servitude that is of personal benefit to the individual members;*
- *Wearing of embarrassing or uncomfortable clothing;*
- *Assigning pranks such as stealing, painting objects, harassing other organizations;*
- *Intentionally messing up the house or a room for clean up;*
- *Demeaning names;*
- *Yelling or screaming; and*
- *Requiring boxing matches or fights for entertainment.*

DISCIPLINED ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THOSE RESOLVED VIA MUTUAL AGREEMENTS

In accordance with requirements of the *Texas Education Code* Section 51.936(c), the following organizations have been disciplined for hazing and/or convicted for hazing, on or off campus, during the preceding three years:

- **Absolute Texxas*** *Conditional registration is one and a half (1.5) years (Completed November 19, 2009).*
- **Alpha Epsilon Pi** *Penalty issued August 17, 2011 (Probation through August 17, 2013).*
- **alpha Kappa Delta Phi*** *Conditional registration is three (3) years (June 10, 2013).*
- **Alpha Tau Omega*** *Conditional registration is two (2) years (May 13, 2012).*
- **Beta Chi Theta*** *Conditional registration is one (1) year (Completed August 24, 2010).*
- **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.** *Penalty issued November 10, 2009 (Suspended through December 31, 2009; Probation through October 30, 2012).*
- **Delta Tau Delta*** *Conditional registration is two (2) years (September 9, 2012).*
- **Kappa Alpha Order*** *Conditional registration is three (3) months (Completed December 31, 2010).*
- **Kappa Phi Gamma Sorority, Inc.*** *Conditional registration is one (1) year (Completed May 12, 2009).*
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- **Omega Phi Gamma*** *Conditional registration is three (3) years (July 13, 2014).*
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- **Silver Spurs*** *Conditional registration is two (2) years (July 13, 2013).*
- **Texas Cheer and Pom*** *Conditional registration is two (2) years (Completed July 23, 2011).*
- **Texas Iron Spikes*** *Conditional registration is three (3) years (March 7, 2014).*
- **Texas Spirits*** *Conditional registration is one (1) year (Completed May 19, 2009).*
- **Texas Wranglers*** *Conditional registration is two (2) years (Completed October 6, 2010).*
- **Zeta Beta Tau*** *Conditional registration is two (2) years (August 19, 2012).*

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To report an act of hazing to the Office of the Dean of Students, visit deanofstudents.utexas.edu/complaint.php. For further information or clarification of probationary member activities, please contact Student Activities in the Office of the Dean of Students, Student Services Building (SSB) 4.400, 512-471-3065.



Argentinian director and screenwriter Miguel Pereira introduces the 32nd annual Student Conference on Latin America Thursday afternoon in the SAC. The ILASSA Conference, which will last until Saturday, showcases the work of students from around the world on topics such as migration, human rights and art.

Conference features research by UT students

By Hannah Jane DeCiutiis
Daily Texan Staff

The UT campus is welcoming an Argentinian screenwriter, students from around the world and the first female head of government in Mexico City for a three-day discussion of research on Latin American issues.

The 32nd annual Student Conference on Latin America, coordinated by the Institute of Latin American Studies Student Association, began Thursday in the Student Activities Center and will continue through Saturday. The conference is a global event showcasing work by participants both locally and internationally. The event presents research conducted by students at UT and other institutions, involving all

aspects of Latin American Studies, including art, human rights, migration and violence. It is the longest running and largest Latin American Studies conference in the United States, said program manager Carolyn Palaima.

"It's well-known and recognized," Palaima said. "It's a very large event, with about 200 people [attending] per day. There are several panels running in a day and there's also going to be a screening of a movie, so there's a lot that goes along with the conference."

Palaima said graduate students, undergraduates and people from the general public have attended the conference in the past, as it is not limited to UT students only.

"The staff provides administrative support, but it really [began with] wanting to give the students that feeling of what it's like to put on a conference," Palaima said. "[It's also about] the professional experience of turning in and presenting research."

Henry Dietz, graduate faculty adviser for the Department of Latin American Studies, said the conference is completely organized by members of the Institute of Latin American Studies Student Association.

ILASSA conference coordinator and Latin American graduate student Mayra Marquez said the event is a great way for graduate students from any college to get their work recognized.

"This year we have close to 90

participants," Marquez said. "A lot of those are from UT, but a lot are also from places like Brazil and Spain."

The event also includes two keynote speakers. Miguel Pereira, director and screenwriter from Argentina, began the conference with screenings of his films "Sangre en el Plomo" and "Encuentra en la Sal." Marquez said Pereira's documentaries focus on themes of social justice and its relation to the environment. The conference will end Saturday with the final keynote speaker, Rosario Robles Berlanga, the first female head of government in Mexico City who went on to serve as national president for the Mexican Party of the Democratic Revolution.

Political analysis company faces hacking accusations

By Jody Serrano
Daily Texan Staff

Political analysis company Stratfor has recently come under fire for allegedly being part of a plan to shut down local activist groups Occupy Austin and Deep Green Resistance Austin.

An unknown hacker group infiltrated Stratfor's systems in December and obtained a large amount of confidential information, such as credit card numbers and company emails, and eliminated data on four Stratfor servers. Alleged emails between Stratfor employees and the Texas Department of Public Safety have caused debate regarding validity of the emails and whether online spying is taking place. In the messages, DPS officers instructed Stratfor to keep a close eye on Occupy Austin and Deep Green Resistance Austin.

In a statement released earlier this month, Stratfor CEO George Friedman said he did not know who the hackers were — many have claimed them to be members of the Internet activist group Anonymous — but that they allegedly hacked to expose corporate corruption.

Stratfor provides worldwide geopolitical analysis to subscribers around the world using traditional news outlets, open source monitoring of information and surveys from human sources.

Friedman said he expected the hackers to be disappointed with what they found.

"Of course we have relationships with people in the U.S. and other governments and obviously we know people in corporations, and that will be discovered in the emails," Friedman said. "But that's our job. We are what we said we were — an organization that generates its revenues through geopolitical analysis."

In the emails, DPS officials sent Stratfor information on both activists movements and asked the company to gain understanding on how both groups operate. Stratfor employees reportedly suspected an alliance between Occupy Austin and Deep Green Revolution and thought it could be a threat.

DPS spokesman Tom Vinger said DPS cannot verify the authenticity of the information contained in the emails.

Occupy Austin member Kit O'Connell said the Stratfor emails reaffirmed the group's concern about infiltrators within Occupy Austin. O'Connell said the dates on the emails coincided with the arrests of many Occupy Austin members the night of Halloween for civil disobedience. On Halloween, one person left the group and accused specific members of breaking the law, O'Connell said.

O'Connell said although Occupy Austin group members have suspected other members of being infiltrators, there is no definite way to tell and no direct accusations have been made.

"Our movement is based around transparency and we do almost everything out in the open, although we are concerned of people spying," O'Connell said. "It's obvious some people in intelligence don't know what to make of us and are afraid of us."

He also said while many of Occupy Austin's members are a part of Deep Green Resistance Austin, there is no formal alliance between the groups. There has been some talk about occupying the Stratfor building but nothing is set in stone, O'Connell said.

Stratfor officials have said they cannot comment on the emails at the moment but that measures are being taken to make sure something like this does not happen again.



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Lie discusses security by smartphones

By Hannah Jane DeCiutiis
Daily Texan Staff

Students, faculty and staff at UT may find their smartphones capable of securing sensitive data from their home computers, thanks to researchers from the University of Toronto.

David Lie, University of Toronto electrical and computer engineering professor, worked with other researchers from the University of Toronto as well as Concordia University in Montreal to develop a security software incorporating smartphone technology. Lie and his team have come up with a prototype of an application called "Unicorn: Two-Factor Attestation for Data Security." The application combines elements that combat malware and phishing, which Lie said are the two biggest threats currently facing users attempting security-sensitive tasks.

Lie brought his research to UT in a presentation titled "Using Smartphones to Improve Security: New Capabilities and Challenges" on Thursday. The lecture was part of the Security Seminar Speaker Series in the department of computer science.

The lecture series began last year in the Center for Information Assurance and Security, said computer science associate professor and director of the center Vitaly Shmatikov. Shmatikov said the center tries to bring lecturers who have relevant research in the computer science field.

"I have seen a fair bit of research on the topic of [smartphone security]," Shmatikov said. "[Lie's] work, however, takes an unusual direction with the connection between phones and computers."

Lie's talk focused on the ways that smartphones allow users to impose security features on their own online activity. Features of smartphones that provide this kind of security include a stronger defense against malware compared to PCs due to a restriction on software installation. Users' constant connection with their smartphone is an additional factor in these strengthened security measures, Lie said.

"We're looking at how we could use some of these wireless capabilities to solve some old security problems," Lie said.

The Unicorn prototype first protects authentication credentials with a security token requiring attestation of the fact that a computer is free of malware before releasing credentials, according to the abstract of the project. The second security factor involves validating the computer with either a remote server or a Trusted Platform Module (TPM).

Aloysius Mok, computer science professor and attendee at the seminar, said Lie's computer security research is important and brings something new to the field.

"I think that he had some pretty interesting research," Mok said. "I would not be surprised if his project turned into a successful commercial product."

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Divers team up for championship

By Lauren Giudice
Daily Texan Staff

On the final day of the 2010 NCAA Men's Swimming and Diving Championships, Drew Livingston and Matt Cooper watched as their teammates swam their hardest to give Texas a lead at the end of the meet. The team rallied on the meet's final day to pull ahead of California.

The diving duo took the platform with the confidence that their team had done their part. Now, it was their turn.

"We didn't really say anything to each other, but we knew that if we just make diving finals, our team would win the championship," Livingston said.

He and Cooper, who were both sophomores at the time, came through with flying (or should I say diving) colors and made the diving finals. They eventually clinched the team's national championship with Cooper finishing third and Livingston seventh.

Now, they are seniors and itching for a second championship ring.

"I sit back and daydream about what we can really do, and I think we'd both like to have lofty goals," Cooper said. "I think we can final all three boards, if not better. I think that we can take home that number one trophy, and I think Drew and I can definitely be a big part of that as far as scoring goes."

Last year, Cooper took the year off from diving. Feeling burnt out, he needed time to determine how committed he was to the sport. But now he is back and better than ever. This season, he has qualified for the Olympic Trials in both the 3-meter and 10-meter event. Livingston has qualified as well.

The two divers, who knew each other before coming to Texas, have solidified their friendship. But that friendship has not diminished their



Seniors Matt Cooper and Drew Livingston were important factors in Texas' NCAA championship in 2010. The two divers have become very close since they began their careers at Texas and hope to finish their senior year at Texas with another national championship.

competitive natures.

"We're just as likely to joke around and laugh all practice as we are to have a contest mid-practice," Livingston said. "That's really good because to be the best, you have to beat the best. To have one of the best with you at practice every day, it's really helpful, and we feed off of it."

Livingston believes that if he had gone to a school where he trained without people like Cooper and his coaches to push him, he would not be where he is today.

Even away from the pool they love to compete.

"During break when we weren't practicing diving, we used to go play golf two or three times a week," Cooper said. "We would go out and use our per diem money and play a few rounds. But now our per diem money is kind of running down. We'll probably start playing more after NCAAs."

Cooper played golf when he was younger, but Livingston is still new to the sport.

"I think Cooper is the better golfer, but I'm the better competitor," Livingston said. "So I take advantage of that sometimes. We can both hold

our own."

Now that Cooper is back, the dual threat on the boards could be exactly what Texas needs to push them to a second national championship in three years.

"It's really sweet, not just to train with Drew, but I know that if I'm not having my best day, he will be there and vice versa," Cooper said.

Winning the national title is all they think about. Although Olympic Trials are looming in June, they are enjoying and focusing on their final season as Longhorns.

"I imagined coming to Texas

and leaving with a championship," Livingston said. "I've already got one, so why not get one more before I leave?"

For more diving photos:

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Texas travels to face A&M after tough loss to top-seeded Arizona

By Elijah Perez
Daily Texan Staff

The Longhorn Men's and Women's swim teams take to the lanes this weekend, each set for duals with schools ranked in the top 25 nationally.

Up next for the men is a trip to College Station for a dual against 18th ranked Texas A&M, who lost a close dual to SMU this past weekend. Led by junior John Wag-

ner, the Aggies will be looking to get off the blocks early and stifle a deeply talented Longhorn squad.

The second ranked men's team is coming off of a tough loss on the road though at top ranked Arizona, but there are glimmers of hope for the Longhorns.

Despite the loss, the men did perform well, winning three events. Texas Junior Michael McBroom won the 1000 freestyle, with senior Jackson Wilcox and fresh-

man Jackson Ritter rounding out the rest of the top three spots to complete the UT sweep. Wilcox later went on to win the 500 freestyle, with a trio of Horns including McBroom, Ritter, and senior Kyle McNeilis rounding out the remaining top four spots.

Senior diver Matt Cooper also came up big for the team, as he won the one-meter competition.

The No. 4 ranked Texas women's team is looking to keep their hot

streak alive as they travel to No. 18 SMU this weekend.

The women's squad narrowly escaped a visit to the University of Arizona over the past weekend, beating out the No. 9 ranked Wildcats with a final score of 128-115.

Texas was led by a pair of freshmen, as Kelly LeNeave and Gretchen Jacques each earned their first collegiate victories. LeNeave picked up wins in both the 1000 and 500 freestyle events,

while Jacques led the way for a trio of Horns to take the top three spots in the 200-yard IM.

SMU presents a tough matchup for the Texas Women. The Mustangs beat TCU in a dual over the past weekend, led by freshman Isabella Arcila.

For each of UT's squads, this weekend's duals will be the final tune-ups before the Big 12 Championships kick-off in three weeks in Columbia, Missouri.



Texas has lost six of their last nine games and are sixth in the Big 12. Chassidy Fussell (24) has been leading the Longhorns offensively this season.

Rebeca Rodriguez
Daily Texan Staff

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Fussell hopes to lead team out of drought

By Nick Cremona
Daily Texan Staff

Coming off another 20-plus point performance where she connected on a career-high five three-pointers, sophomore guard Chassidy Fussell knows that it takes more than just a hot shooting night to win games in the Big 12.

"You can play offense all you want," Fussell said. "But if you don't get stops you aren't going to win the game."

At 3-6 in conference play, Texas now finds itself six games behind the Big 12 leader, No. 1 Baylor. The Longhorns have now lost six of their last nine games and are quickly fading from the NCAA Tournament picture.

The next stop on the Longhorns' schedule takes them to Ames, Iowa to face the Cyclones. The last time these two teams met in Austin on Jan. 18, Texas escaped with a 62-60 win on a buzzer-beating shot from senior guard Yvonne Anderson.

The Cyclones also own a 3-6 record in the Big 12 and their most recent loss came at the hands of No. 13 Texas A&M. The Aggies were almost upset, but emerged victorious, 66-64.

"Every team in our league has gone through winning streaks and losing streaks," said Texas coach Gail Goesten-kors. "You find out what you're made of when you go through adversity and this team always responds to adversity."

Texas has struggled getting the

ball to its posts recently, but Goesten-kors has made it clear that this will become a focus for her team as the season wears on.

"I think what Coach (Goesten-kors) said — having a post presence — is important," said senior guard Ashleigh Fontenette. "We're going to have to work on that more."

The Longhorns held the Cyclones to 35 percent shooting in their first meeting, and will have to keep the Cyclones off the glass if they are to win in Ames.

WHAT: Texas at Iowa State

WHERE: Ames, Iowa

WHEN: Saturday, 1 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Red Raiders pose challenge for struggling Longhorns

By Sameer Bhuchar
Daily Texan Staff

The Longhorns have lost so many close games lately, they must be due for one to go their way sooner or later, especially with the cellar-dwelling Red Raiders coming into town.

But even though Texas is 13-0 against Texas Tech in Austin during the Rick Barnes era, Barnes is not sure if the streak will last much longer.

"I don't think any of them are easy, because I have enough respect for teams in this league and the coaches to where teams that you think are going to be down, work and continue to get better," said Barnes, Texas' head coach. "So when it's all said and done we'll have played the same amount of games as everyone else and see where we are."

Things certainly haven't been easy for the Longhorns these past two weeks, and it isn't a stretch to say they've made it pretty hard on themselves at times. Texas got into a pattern of bringing itself with-

WHAT: Texas vs. Texas Tech

WHERE: Frank Erwin Center

WHEN: Saturday 6 p.m.

in striking distance only to crumble under the pressure in the close. Texas lost by only an average of 4.8 points over the last five losses.

"For some reason they're just not turning into wins right now," guard Myck Kabongo said after Texas' last loss to Missouri.

Texas Tech may be Texas' best chance to reverse the trend and get on a role. The Red Raiders have yet to win a Big 12 game and their last win came against a Southland conference opponent in December.

To ensure the must-win for Texas, they will have to heavily depend on the scoring ability of J'Covan Brown paired with Kabongo's ability to orchestrate the offense.

"I just got to find other ways to help us get wins and the last couple of games I haven't," Brown said. "I will figure it out. No matter what, I will."



Texas and Sheldon McClellan aim to end their rough streak when they play Texas Tech at home on Saturday.

Fanny Trang
Daily Texan Staff

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Longhorns sign seven National Letters of Intent for next season

The Texas soccer team has signed seven National Letters of Intent for the 2012-2013 season. New head coach Angela Kelly made the announcement on Wednesday.

The incoming class includes midfielder Chantale Campbell, defender/midfielder Emilie Campbell, midfielder Lindsey Meyer, defender Alison Schmalz, forward Kelsey Shimmick, forward Sydney Shutter and goalkeeper Abby Smith.

Smith is ranked fifth on the ESPNHS Top 150 list and is ranked second in the state of Texas by Top Drawer Soccer. Shimmick is rated 43rd on the ESPNHS Top 150 list.

Chantale and Emilie Campbell are sisters who are from Canada. Both were members of the U17 Canadian Women's National Team roster in 2010.

"The much anticipated 'signing day' has finally arrived and we are so excited to welcome them into the Longhorn Family," Kelly said. "Each member of this 2012 class embodies the pride, passion and commitment necessary to winning championships here at Texas. Each young lady adds tremendous talent and unique qualities, that I am certain will contribute to the success of this program. I am honored and so incredibly excited to challenge and develop each of them to become the best student-athletes that they can be."

— Lauren Giudice

WEEKEND PREVIEW

MEN'S TENNIS

Longhorns take on two Top 20 teams

By Lauren Jette
Daily Texan Staff

The No. 15 ranked Longhorns will test their skills on the road this weekend with a matchup against the second best team in the country and against another top 20 team.

Texas (4-0) will square off against No. 2 Virginia on Friday and then travel to North Carolina to take on the No. 17 ranked Tar Heels on Sunday.

Texas is coming off a weekend sweep after hosting three other teams as part of the International Tennis Association Kick-Off weekend. The Longhorns beat their opening opponent, Mary-

Texas (4-0) will square off against No. 2 Virginia on Friday and then travel to North Carolina to take on the No. 17 ranked Tar Heels on Sunday."

land, 4-0, before facing a familiar conference foe for a spot in the ITA National Team Indoor Championships later this month. Texas earned that spot after defeating Texas Tech by the same score. Junior Daniel Whitehead, ranked No. 112, pulled off an upset over Tech's Gonzalo Escobar, who was ranked No. 23.

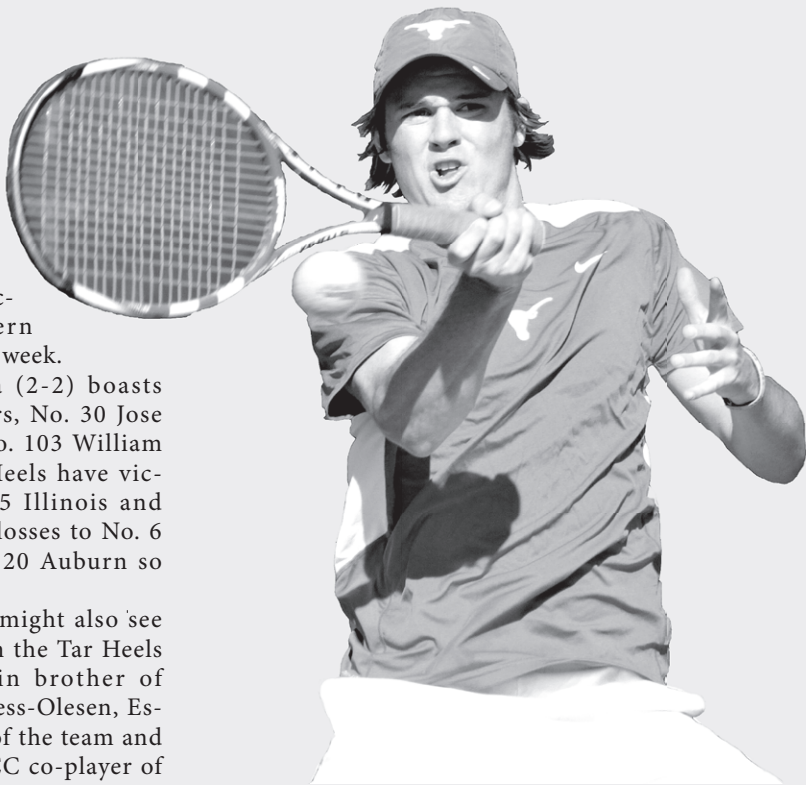
This weekend is going to be a challenge for the young Texas team, as both teams they will face this weekend boast multiple ranked players to the Longhorns' one.

Virginia is led by the No. 1 ranked player in the country, Mitchell Frank, No. 11 Jarmere Jenkins and No. 57 Justin Shane. Virginia also has two doubles

teams ranked in the top 20, and are fresh off an 8-1 victory over Southern Florida earlier this week.

North Carolina (2-2) boasts two ranked players, No. 30 Jose Hernandez and No. 103 William Parker. The Tar Heels have victories over No. 15 Illinois and Tulsa, along with losses to No. 6 Stanford and No. 20 Auburn so far this season.

The Longhorns might also see a familiar name on the Tar Heels roster as the twin brother of freshman Soren Hess-Olesen, Esben, is a member of the team and was named the ACC co-player of the week earlier this week.



Shannon Kintner | Daily Texan Staff

MEN'S GOLF

Top-seeded Texas looks to remain undefeated, holds on to lead at Amer Ari Invitational

By Peter Sblendorio
Daily Texan Staff

The Texas Longhorns men's golf team has picked up right where they left off in the fall to begin the spring season, leading Amer Ari Invitational in Honolulu, Hawaii through two rounds in what is their first action of 2012.

No. 1 Texas, winner of its final three events to close out 2011, will look to clinch its fourth consecutive tournament victory on



Derek Stout | Daily Texan Staff

Friday, the final day of the tournament. Texas leads the 20-team field by three strokes so far with a score of 557 (-19), with UCLA being the closest opponent by recording a mark of 560 (-16).

Southern California and Washington also are in a solid position to make a run at a tournament victory after two days, as they trail the Longhorns by four and five shots, respectively.

The Longhorns are led by sophomore Toni Hakula, who is tied for second among individual scorers with a score of 136 (-8) thus far. In addition, freshman Jordan Speith and senior Dylan Fritelli, the No. 1 and No. 2 individual golfers in the NCAA right now, are tied for sixth place after each registering scores of 138 (-6).

Junior Cody Gribble stands in 54th place with a score of 146 (+2), while junior Julio Vegas is currently in 82nd after shooting a 150 (+6). Pontus Widegran of UCLA leads all scorers with a 9-under-135.

The Longhorns will tee at 11:30 a.m. on Friday to begin the final round of the event. They will look to remain consistent and finish the tournament the same way they

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

Goodwin looks to repeat 60m victory

By Kristin Otto
Daily Texan Staff

After securing a spot in the top 5 for a second consecutive week, the men's track and field team will travel to New York this weekend to compete in the two-day New Balance Collegiate Invitational.

The 11th annual Invitational — the biggest collegiate sporting affair in the New York metropolitan area — will feature over 200 teams from 28 states, Washington D.C., Ireland, Puerto Rico, France and Canada.

The No. 4 Longhorns are looking to continue their climb to the top of the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association poll, going head-to-head against a slew of top-ranked teams including No. 1 Arkansas,

No. 2 Florida and No. 3 LSU.

On Friday, the meet will kick off with the Longhorns looking for a repeat domination of the 60m events.

Marquise Goodwin — who placed first in the long jump last week with an NCAA automatic qualifying score — DJ Monroe, and Trevante Rhodes will run in the 60m Dash Championship.

Isaac Murphy, Jake Wohlford, Keiron Stewart, and Petter Olson will represent the Longhorns in the 60m Hurdles Championship. In both races, the fastest 16 runners will qualify for the finals. Additional track events of the weekend include the 200m Dash, 400m Dash, 500m Dash, 4x400m Relay.

On Saturday, Casey Wick-er, Hayden Clark, Mark Thom-as, and Maston Wallace, who

placed first in the event last week, will participate in the Pole Vault Championship.

With Goodwin out of the competition, Emerson Sanders and Mark Jackson will have to step up in the Long Jump Championship.

Perhaps the most highly anticipated field contest of the weekend for the Longhorns is the Shot Put Championship, which will also

be well represented with four UT men scheduled to compete. However, eyes are particularly focused on nationally third-ranked Ryan Crouser.

Crouser won the event last week, breaking a 30-year-old school record, with a 19.72m throw. In his third collegiate appearance, the freshman is aiming to break the Invitational record of 20.40m, which was set last year by Kansas' Mason Finley.

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Students comment on sloppy outfit choices around campus

By **Andreina Velasquez**
Daily Texan Staff

Guaranteeing comfort and available in an endless selection of colors, the Nike shorts and T-shirt trend has been a popular outfit of choice for some members of the UT community. Yet while comfort continues to be an important element in deciding what to wear to class, various questions arise.

Is it possible for comfort to be taken too far? And what exactly does relaxed clothing say about students when worn in educational settings, or when taken to the extreme in a pair of slippers and pajamas? Further discussion has arisen about the comfortable sleep and exercise wear worn on college campuses and the impressions that these ultra-casual clothing items can project.

Clothing stores like American Eagle, Abercrombie and Victoria's Secret are also well known for their sleepwear lines, with trendy patterns and collegiate designs that sometimes resemble everyday wear, garnering support from a number of shoppers.

Abercrombie sales associate and psychology junior Megan Cristwell, who sports a boyfriend hoodie, tank top and sleepwear pants to class, discussed how casual wear worn on campus can sometimes cross a fine line and go from comfortable and cute, to sloppy and unacceptable.

According to Cristwell, students have to be careful when sporting any kind of sleepwear to class, making sure to maintain a certain level of professionalism and style.

"It's never okay to wake up and go to school in the clothes you woke up in," Cristwell said. "Clothing that are comfortable reflect an 'I don't care' attitude that can call into question your seriousness as a student."

Likewise, youth and communi-



Helen Hunter and Megan Cristwell sport trendy exercise and sleep wear, allowing them to feel comfortable in class without looking sloppy. Both students demonstrate how yoga pants and fashionable sleepwear can be used to create a relaxed look without taking it to the extreme.

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ty studies junior Helen Hunter is a fan of the relaxed look, but believes that sporting exactly what you slept in on campus raises eyebrows for all the wrong reasons.

"We've all woken up late for class before, I did yesterday. But wearing pajamas to class makes me wonder, 'if you didn't have time to change your clothes, then you must not have had time to brush your teeth,

put on deodorant or do anything remotely hygienic," Hunter said.

Instead, if the goal is to wear an outfit that feels comfortable and won't take very long to style, she advises trying on a pair of yoga pants and a tank top. She also agrees that seeking a put-together, comfortable outfit overrides resorting to the easier thing to do — literally just getting out of bed and going to class.

According to Hunter, while high school days held a heavier importance on appearance, dressing for success on a college campus demands comfort. However, Hunter suggests avoiding the extreme.

For some students, the relaxed look has actually improved their studying habits, as psychology freshman Nicole Pazary pointed out. She claims that in a pair of sleep pants

and a tank top, her motivation to study increases significantly as opposed to when she wears an outfit she'd usually save for the weekend. Pazary understands how completing homework in clothing that allows you more wiggle room can make the learning experience less stressful.

"It's nice to have clothes you can just throw on without looking like a slob," Pazary said, while still acknowl-

edging the existence of a fine line students should refrain from crossing.

While there is no doubting that comfortable clothing, in general, makes the trek back and forth on a 40 acre campus more bearable, caution should be taken in regards to what you wear when you sleep through an alarm, especially in a learning environment full of respected professionals.

Texas inmates publish bare minimum cookbook behind bars

By **Michael Gracyk**
The Associated Press

GATESVILLE (AP) —These women may not have an oven, refrigerator, stove, knife, or even the ability to boil water, but they do have plenty of time on their hands.

Decades, in fact. And that, combined with a few peculiar ingredients and a desire to cook despite the odds has resulted in a rather unusual cookbook — "From The Big House to Your House," a collection of 200 recipes by six Texas prison inmates.

The women all are serving at least 50 years at the Mountain View Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, all but one of them for murder. And a hankering for foods they enjoyed on the outside prompted them to get creative on the inside.

For example, they've found that an empty potato chip bag works for cooking in a quart-size electric

warming pot, their only source of heat for cooking. A plastic ID card — similar to a credit card — makes an acceptable cutting or chopping implement, and tuna and mackerel can be made into great-tasting nachos.

"I know it sounds disgusting," said Celeste Johnson, 49, one of the authors. "But I love tuna nachos. And I've got so many people here converted to it"

The book was produced with the help of Johnson's mother, who typed the recipes and submitted the manuscript on the women's behalf to The Justice Institute, a Seattle group that works with convicts who maintain their innocence. The group published the book and now sells it online.

And inmate cooking is not confined to women's prisons. Former Texas corrections officer Jim Willett remembers his days working in a men's unit, walking through a cell block and

getting whiffs of simmering foods.

"You knew when there were certain foods cooking, just like being in your house," Willett, current director of the Texas Prison Museum, said. "It would make you want to stop and join them, but that's not legal."

Inmates tend to be creative in the "kitchen." In the past, some have been known to fashion metal plates into skillets that get heated in toilets filled with burning toilet paper. Or to transform tooth paste tubes into spoons and turn fruit into prison "wine."

The Texas women, in compliance with regulations prohibiting them from profiting from a business while behind bars, are donating proceeds from the book to their publisher.

Ingredients also are limited mostly to what can be purchased from the prison commissary. They can forget about real milk — they get powder — or real butter, as well as most individual seasonings.

Garlic? They squeeze that from garlic vitamin tablets.

Looking for alternative meals, the Texas women began pooling their commissary food purchases and wrote down their discoveries, such as rehydrating potato chips in their warming pot. The resulting mush became a "baked potato."

"I don't know if we've been away too long, but it does taste like a real baked potato," Johnson, who's been in prison for nine years and won't become eligible for parole from her life sentence until 2042, said.

Ceyma Bina, one of the co-authors who has served six years of a 50-year sentence for a slaying in Houston, and the other authors, say in the book's preface they were confident readers would "enjoy the liberty found in creating a home-felt comfort during unfortunate times."

"It shows people how we survive in here," Bina said.

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actress portraying Eva was unconvincingly brittle, or if the various actors portraying Kevin were cartoonishly evil, but "Kevin" is expertly cast and acted. Swinton gives the best performance of here, delivering a tour de force as a mother with no maternal instincts, torn between her biological obligation to and growing rivalry with her son, and Swinton sells every bit of her conflicted character. Swinton's performance is filled with subtle moments, such as the pure exasperation on her face as an infant Kevin sobs relentlessly or the disappointment in her eyes as Kevin finds another way to break her down, but each moment adds to a larger picture of a bewildered, incorrigibly stubborn woman locked in battle with her own offspring.

Kevin is played by three different

actors at different stages of his adolescence, and Ramsay found three uncannily similar actors to portray her titular monster. Miller takes on the bulk of the role as a teenage Kevin, and his expert manipulation of his parents makes for a chilling, memorable role for the young actor. Meanwhile, younger versions of the character, played by Jasper Newell and Rock Duer, are suitably menacing. The film's sparse supporting cast is rounded by Reilly, whose fatherly cluelessness is offset by Reilly's inherent likability, making the film's finale all the more tragic.

"Kevin" is a stylistic marvel thanks to Ramsay's bold color scheme and dreamy (or is it nightmarish?) direction. But the elegant, harrowing duet between Swinton and Miller is the real triumph here. Even when "Kevin" is terrifying, it's impossible to look away from these intense performances as Ramsey's film slowly sinks its hooks into you and then refuses to let go long after the credits have rolled.

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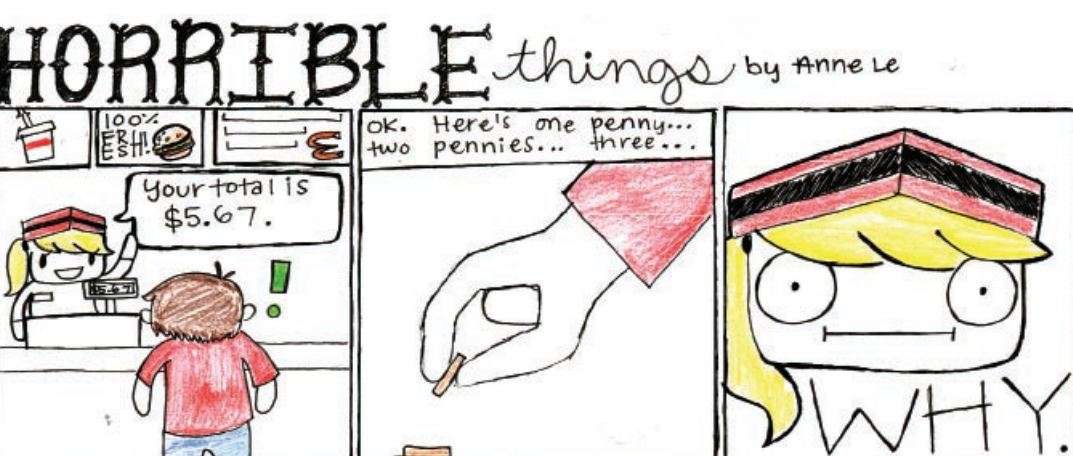
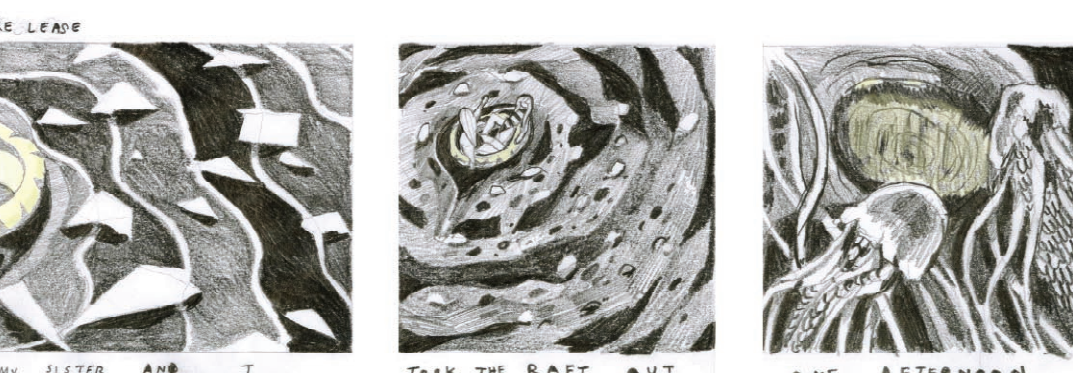
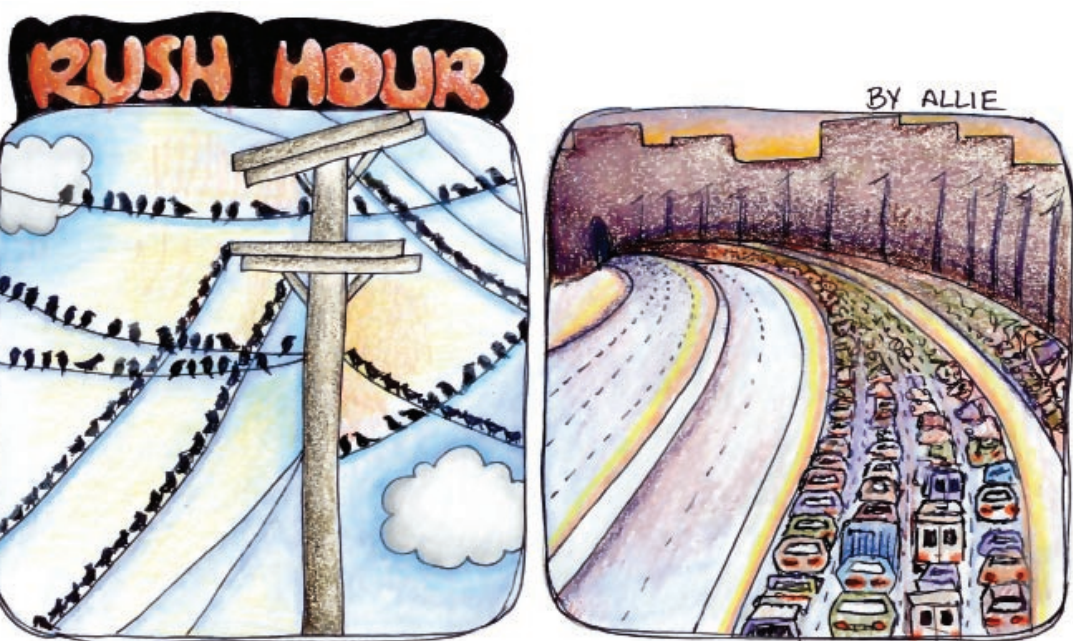
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Across

1 Forcefulness

6 Is a true believer in

14 Moss source

15 Deposit remover?

16 Holder of legends

17 What you might reach for after hearing "Don't go anywhere!"

18 Drug distributors?

19 Entertainment at a luau

20 Look too closely

21 Preparatory time

22 Titled lady

25 By area, the third-largest country in the E.U.

26 Some attorneys' degs.

27 Money in Manila

31 Someone to hang with

32 Primitive coat

33 Show for which Jim Dale won the 1980 Tony for Best Actor in a Musical

34 Kind of compound in chemistry

35 Time in an airport

37 Hearing opening?

38 Landscaping plants

40 Big to-do?

41 Shout with cupped hands, maybe

42 Untagged

43 "That's so sad!"

44 Foil part

45 Most chic

47 Auto loan fig.

48 Drug sold under the brand name Retrovir

51 Site of an 1815 escape

52 Almost catch

54 Shoots at

57 Coeur d' _____, Idaho

58 Going around in circles?

59 Restricted parties

60 Alaska or Hawaii

61 Problems with an argument

Down

1 Some health warnings: Abbr.

2 Plentifully, in slang

3 Enmity

4 In a box

5 Russian chemist with a law of thermodynamics named after him

6 Saturated

7 High boots for fishermen

8 One of Beethoven's bagatelles is dedicated to her

9 Latin 101 word

10 _____X (septic treatment brand)

11 Impertinent one

12 Arduous challenge

13 Annual: Abbr.

15 How Simon Cowell often critiques

22 Hearing responses

23 Little starter

24 Spanish 101 verb

25 1957 Cy Young Award winner

28 What luxury goods have

29 Nowhere close

30 _____Hawley

32 Academy head

33 Cloud the judgment of with alcohol

36 "Good Will Hunting" director, 1997

39 Small bird

43 Bottom of a crankcase

44 Start of a presidential march

46 Prefix with chemical

48 Throw _____

49 Tubular pasta

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bigger problems come in. While the rise and fall of our central trio is certainly compelling to watch, many of the plot machinations it takes to get us to the inevitable final battle feel stale or forced. Also, every bit of clever subtext the film tries to handle is fumbled by dialogue that quickly and clearly shines a spotlight at any thematic subtleties. While the characters themselves are often well-written and feel like real teenagers, their actions aren't always realistic, often veering towards the over-dramatic or simply nonsensical. Thankfully, the actors portraying them all give strong, likeable performances. DeHaan is given much of the film's heavier material and pulls it off with grace. Co-star Alex Russell is charming and very convincing in the numerous scenes where "Chronicle" asks him to play drunk, and

Michael B. Jordan gives perhaps the most human, well-rounded performance in the film, filled with excitement and hope and even a little bit of fear at what he can do. "Chronicle" reportedly had a budget of only \$15 million, but that doesn't show in the film. The effects are consistently impressive and never showy. The scene where our heroes learn they can fly is a highlight of the film, their infectious enthusiasm making it hard not to smile as they soar above the clouds, dodging planes and constantly challenging each other to go higher. All of the young voices involved with "Chronicle" (Trank, Landis, DeHaan and Jordan) have a clear, bright future ahead of them, and "Chronicle" displays each of their talents mixed with an unexpectedly human, intelligent take on the tired found-footage genre.

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separation between those two lives is diminishing. The general thought on dating online today appears to be, "Well, we do everything else online, don't we?" UT professor of marketing Raj Raghunathan, who studies theories in psychology and behavioral sciences, recently spoke at the annual Internet Dating Conference. He believes the main reason people use online dating services is to cast a wider net. A secondary reason is to screen out those they wouldn't consider dating. "The Internet opens up the entire world, so why restrict yourself to your town or friends and relatives?" Raghunathan said. But therein lies the peculiar irony of dating online: we go online to broaden our dating pool, and yet with the nature of constant choices the Internet gives us, we can filter people out so extensively, that the pool becomes a trickle. Dating sites are asking their users to rate everything, from personality to physical traits, that they desire in a mate. After online dating es-

caped the desperation connotation, it picked up one of customization. "Some people may feel that they have a chance to screen potential matches better on the Internet because they can screen people based on their criteria, for example terms of age, height and weight, which might be a little more embarrassing to do face to face," Raghunathan said. Ever since Posh Spice (Victoria Beckham) said in the movie Spice-world, "I'll have a deep pan, six feet, green eyes, pair of loafers and no socks," girls have joked about ordering their boyfriends like a pizza. With online dating services, that has become sort of a reality, with less superficial options like religious or political preferences sprinkled in. But beyond the many boxes to click on the average dating site's profile comes the opportunity to seek out niche dating sites, such as JDate for Jewish would-be dates (though those who subscribe to different religious beliefs are allowed to use the site) and the self-proclaimed "Ivy League of Dating," RightStuffDating.com, which requires that all its us-

ers be graduates or faculty members (with proof in the form of a diploma or piece of university letterhead mail) of an Ivy League school. Perhaps the best way to use online dating sites is to use them with a person-to-person dating mindset. Simply use the site to meet people and face the choices you're given while creating a profile with a level head, keeping in mind that you're not trying to create an Adonis, but instead trying to find someone who

you'll have things to talk about with on your first date. Also, since online dating has become yet another component of our online lives and nestled itself into the mainstream, it's time to embrace telling others the actual story of how you met your new boyfriend or girlfriend. Because really, nobody actually believed you met your super hot girlfriend in the historical biography section of the library anyway.

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The Hounds' lineup formed organically around the core duo. "We just kind of acquired people from work and school," Garland explains. Most members were "stolen" from other bands, and one was recruited at Jimmy John's. But now that the group is expanding, Garland wants to get serious and focus on their identity. "We're not classic rock," he insists. "I mean, we're not AC/DC. We're rock and roll." Campo is more worried about being associated with insipid psychedelic rock. "This band is founded on the principle that there are too many bands writing about love, colors, clouds and Giggle City," he declares, referring to local band Marmalakes' "The Adventures of Jubilant John in Giggle City." Despite what their flanger-fried vocals and Sgt. Pepper arrangements might suggest, Campo and the band's ly-

sergic love affair is strictly aesthetic. "We don't go on shrooms and talk philosophy. We make money and hang out with our friends," he said. Of the band's six members, drummer Jordan Cook is probably the most staunchly principled (or maybe he's just stubborn). Despite Campo and Garland's exhortations, Cook has consistently refused to appear in band photographs and take part in formal interviews. Cook's explanation? "I don't do PR." Unlike most bands that list Hendrix and Led Zeppelin as influences, Berkshire Hounds have the chops to hang with their heroes and the drive to take the classics even further. And at the heart of it all is the spirit of rocking out and keeping it simple. Garland's mission statement says it all: "Take all your influences, make it loud, and keep it melodic. Then the audience will come to you."



Berkshire Hounds members Jim Campo and Spencer Garland stand outside their house on Thursday afternoon. The pair live together at their house on Berkshire Drive, where they hold rehearsals in their garage. Photo: Kirk R. Tuck

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Harmonic motley finds home in duo's music equation

By Daniel Munoz
Daily Texan Staff

"And I know there will be brighter days, but for now I'm stuck in idle ways." So howls Jim Campo of Berkshire Hounds, who knows how to act hopeless without killing anyone's good time. Lesson one to be learned from the Hounds: why despair when you can rock out?

As Fugazi's Guy Picciotto explained in the eighties, "To hurt yourself playing guitar on stage is more noble than to be sitting weeping to yourself somewhere." For anyone who deeply loves rock (and anyone who can't stand emo), this maxim is the key to understanding its value as art. But the secret weapon of Campo and company isn't their philosophy. It's in the music.

Since forming last August, the Hounds have been hard at work perfecting their own sound, drawing equally from the British Invasion and Southern Revival to erect a sonic environment so inviting you'll wonder why no one did it before — then you'll realize it's been the Holy Grail of Austin's hippie/blues hybridizing for decades.

Hearing the Hounds at work, you'll witness the exhilarating, almost reckless combination of the various elements of rock and roll. It's a bit like watching the impatient kid

in your chemistry class mixing everything in sight while the teacher's looking away; you can't help but expect a big kaboom. To take one example, the laid-back slide guitar, harmonica and honky-tonk piano of "We Go Home Together" give the song a blues-rock feel, until a psychedelic chorus melody enters, doubled by straight-eighth bell overdubs, and kicks the band from Exile On Main Street to "Penny Lane" in four notes flat. And somehow it works.

Credit for the band's trans-Atlantic alchemizing goes to songwriters Jim Campo and Spencer Garland. The pair live together at their house on Berkshire Drive, where they are currently rehearsing for this week-end's show with their new horn section and songwriter, Caleb Landry Jones, whom the band will be backing for some of his songs.

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WHAT: Berkshire Hounds and Caleb Landry Jones

WHERE: Hole in the Wall

WHEN: Sunday, Feb. 5 10 p.m.

WITH: Dog Gone Dead, Cat Wheelchair, Sheer Kahn & The Space Case

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Songwriters Jim Campo and Spencer Garland founded the band Berkshire Hounds six months ago drawing from the British Invasion and Southern Revival. The band, along with songwriter Caleb Landry Jones, will be playing a show at Hole in the Wall this Sunday.



Photo Courtesy of Adam Schroeder Productions

(Left) Alex Russell, Michael B. Jordan and Dane DeHaan star in the intelligent, innovative "Chronicle."

Found-footage redefines superheroes, saves genre

By Alex Williams
Daily Texan Staff

There's no denying that the found-footage genre is beginning to wear thin. When the genre was getting off the ground, many of the best horror films of their respective years were heralded as examples, including "Paranormal Activity" and "Cloverfield," but now it's become cluttered with the likes of "Apollo 18" and "The Devil Inside," the former being a frequent mention on 2011 worst-of lists and the latter seems destined for the same fate this year. However, "Chronicle" is a smart, innovative take on the genre, telling a story that's compelling in its own right and even testing the boundaries of what a found-footage film can be.

"Chronicle" is set up like your average superhero origin story: Andrew Detmer (Dane DeHaan) lives in a run-down house with a sickly mother and a drunken father. His only friend is his cousin Matt (Alex Russell). Andrew buys a camera to put a lens between himself and his slog of a life, but quickly finds himself roped into checking out a mysterious hole in the ground with Matt and the popular, charming Steve (Michael B. Jordan). When the trio emerges from the cavern they've discovered, they find themselves getting frequent nosebleeds but also able to move things with their mind.

Found-footage films often rely on shaky cam, frantic off-screen narration and people constantly addressing the camera, and "Chronicle" is certainly guilty of these in its opening scenes. However, as the characters (particularly Andrew) get more confident in their powers, the camera no longer requires an operator and floats through scenes, simply record-

MOVIE REVIEW

Chronicle
Josh Trank

Genre: Fantasy
Runtime: 83 minutes

ing. It's a brilliant twist on the found-footage genre, and just one of several innovations director Josh Trank employs.

The screenplay by Max Landis (son of legendary horror director John Landis) doesn't go exactly where you'd expect it to and poses an interesting question: what happens when a kid who has been beaten down by life at every corner and has never had a positive role model becomes the most powerful person in the room? And what happens when that kid realizes he can do whatever he wants with absolutely no consequences? The heroes here aren't the wholesome figures of Marvel lore. As the teens become more confident, they start off playing pranks with their powers before things take a resolutely darker turn, which is where many of the film's

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'Kevin' delivers chills, horror

By Alex Williams
Daily Texan Staff

The evil-little-boy genre is a tried and true offshoot of horror cinema, and films like "The Omen" are classics for a reason. However, "We Need to Talk About Kevin," which starts showing in Austin today, is a much more plausible and disturbing film. There are no supernatural forces at work here and no demonic emblems, just a malicious little monster of a boy and the mother caught firmly in his crosshairs.

The mother in question is Eva (Tilda Swinton), a free spirit who reluctantly settled down with Franklin (John C. Reilly) to start a family. The film floats freely through Eva's experiences with her first child, Kevin (Ezra Miller), beginning with her living alone in a dilapidated house and slowly revealing the details of her agonizing descent to rock bottom.

Before "Kevin," Lynne Ramsay hadn't made a film in nine years. Thankfully, her hiatus did nothing to dilute her talent. "Kevin" is a challeng-



Photo courtesy of BBC Films

Tilda Swinton has a tough day in "We Need to Talk About Kevin."

ing, disturbing gut-punch of a film, filled with nightmarish sequences and smart, subtle performances. Ramsay moves deliberately through Eva's life, slowly parceling out information about Kevin's horrific actions even as she draws parallels between the two. While a few of her villain's creepier moments are a bit too much (particularly a scene where an adolescent

Kevin shouts "Die! Die!" at a TV as he plays videogames), Ramsay mostly operates with admirable restraint, telegraphing where the film is going rather clearly, but holding enough back to make the hard-hitting final moments land with maximum impact.

"Kevin" would flounder if the

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Relationship seekers turn to dating websites

LOVE INTERRUPTED
By Anjli Mehta

You can do everything to prepare for an upcoming date with the click of a mouse — from finding a reverse happy hour on Yelp to shopping for a perfectly nonchalant first-date outfit without a trip to the mall — so why not find the person you want to date online, too?

According to Internet tracking firm Experian Hitwise, in November 2011 the major dating sites, including eHarmony and Match.com, collectively had more than 593 mil-

lion visits in just one month in the United States. Though we must keep in mind that just because someone visited a dating site doesn't necessarily mean they used it, it does present a larger truth: more people are considering online dating. Clearly, we're using the Internet for more than Facebook stalking and 'Funny Or Die' videos.

Finding a date online 10 years ago might have implied that you were a desperate social outcast who couldn't hack trying to find real love in the real world, and thus had to resort to the digital one. However, as our digital lives and real lives overlap, especially with the powerful surge of social media, the

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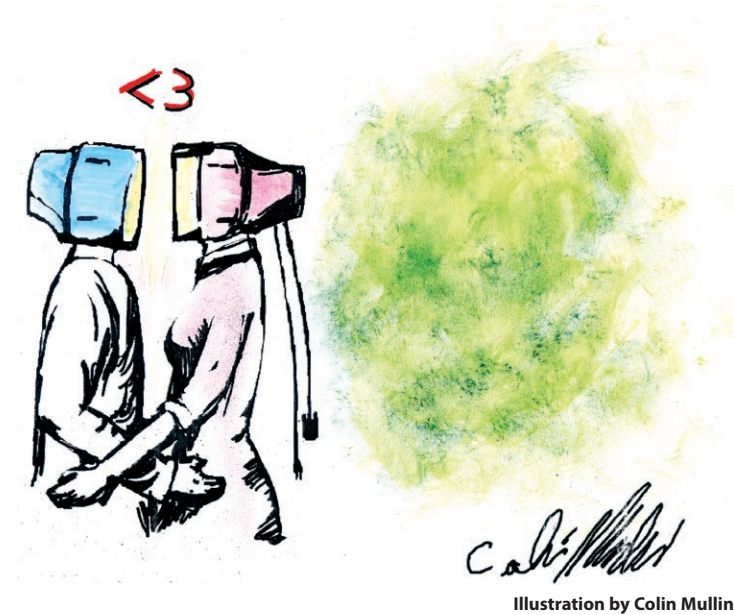


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